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MEDITERRANEAN TENSION CLIMAX EXPECTED SOON: ITALY STRIKING MAY 24?

Harvest First For Il Duce

While wild rumours continue to spread about Italy's imminent entry in the war on the side of Germany, the tension has somewhat abated and the tone of the Italian press is less aggressive towards France and Britain, states a Havas message, exclusive to the Hongkong Daily Press, received last night.

"MORAL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT"

The police guards around the French and British Embassies and the Yugoslav Legation have been reduced.

Foreign quarters are of the opinion that the tension in the Mediterranean will reach a climax within six or seven weeks, namely, after the harvest which is a most important date for Italy. Others expect Italy's entry in the war on May 24, the anniversary date of Italy's entry in the war on the Allies side in 1915.

Observers are of the opinion that the Fascist Government's efforts to stir up the Italian masses was premature and the anti-Allied outbursts will be interrupted for some time.

Meanwhile, Italy is continuing "moral and diplomatic support" of Germany as heretofore.

War Must Not Be Allowed To Spread

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter)—Referring to President Roosevelt's message to Congress, the DAILY TELEGRAPH declares: "Mr. Roosevelt's representations to Italy have already shown that he is determined to use the influence of the United States against aggression."

"What the most distinguished publicists in America, and the press in general, have been printing since the wanton attack on Scandinavia and the Low Countries indicates the American people are heartily with the President in his resolution to ensure that the power of conquest by parachute and air-conveyed troops shall not prevail over civilization."

"He sees clearly that only the strength of the British and French Empires now stands between Hitler and world domination."

Fighting In Belgium Is Reviewed

ALLIES' POSITION FAVOURABLE

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter)—Reviewing the fighting in Belgium, the DAILY TELEGRAPH comes to the conclusion that the general position is favourable for the Allies.

Under the heading 'Open Warfare,' the paper, in an editorial, writes: "It was stated by the French High Command yesterday that the battle of the Meuse, from Namur to Sedan, had 'taken' on the characteristic of open warfare."

"In this area fully mechanized armies are being put to the first fair test with ample equipment, tanks, aircraft and artillery on either side."

"The result, thus far, of the attack and counter-attack—in a tremendous clash—is such an intermingling of opposed forces, that no precise account of the line can be given."

"We are still far from a decision in the battle. Its fortunes may change again."

"Whatever the future may bring we are already certain that the offensive has met with a check unexpected by those who ordered it."

MORE GOOD WORK BY R.A.F.

LONDON, May 17 (B.W.S.)—The Air Ministry announces that "during last night R.A.F. aircraft made further successful bombing attacks on military objectives in Germany."

SUNDAY, MAY 26, TO BE A DAY OF NATIONAL PRAYER

THE HEADS OF CHURCHES HAVE RESPONDED WHOLEHEARTEDLY to the King's desire that Sunday, May 26, should be observed as a day of national prayer on behalf of the nation and the Empire, of the Allies and of the cause in which they are united, reports British Wireless.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Cosmo Lang, states: "There ought to be no delay in enabling the whole nation, in acts of united prayer, to submit to the protection and blessing of Almighty God, the cause to which, with its Allies, it has pledged all its strength and men who on the sea and land and in the air are defending that cause."

The Moderator of the Federal Council of the Evangelical Free Churches of England states: "It will be a united manifestation by all who hold Christian faith that God is more concerned than we that righteousness and truth be established in all the earth."

Temperature: Max. 81; Min. 75.

CHINESE RECAPTURE TSAOYANG

FANCHENG, May 17 (Central)—Culminating a week's successful operations, Chinese forces recaptured Tsao Yang late yesterday evening, according to an urgent message received this morning.

Tsao Yang, strategic stronghold 70 miles north of Chungking and 40 miles east of Sianyang, was the base of Japanese operations in north Hupei for their unsuccessful drive toward the upper reaches of the Han River.

The message said the main Japanese force defending Tsao Yang was routed, and the remnant troops are fleeing southward, to Sulien and Wuksien in utter confusion.

"WORLD AFFAIRS"

HITLER CANNOT LAST TWO WEEKS AT PRESENT RATE

Unrest In Nazi Germany Forced Fuehrer's Desperate Gamble

"HITLER WANTS TO WIN THE WAR IN TWO WEEKS, and he knows that if he fails he is doomed," declared Mr. H. Wickham Steed, eminent authority on "World Affairs," when he broadcast a review of the situation on the European Front from Daventry yesterday.

Mr. Wickham Steed said that at the moment when a great battle is raging in Belgium, when Holland has fallen, it is necessary that we take a long view and, above all, keep cool and calm. "That I am going to do and first deal with the question why Hitler has chosen to put forth his supreme effort at this stage.

INTERNAL DISSENSION IN GERMANY

It is a difficult question to answer and we can merely make a guess, but I think my guess is quite accurate.

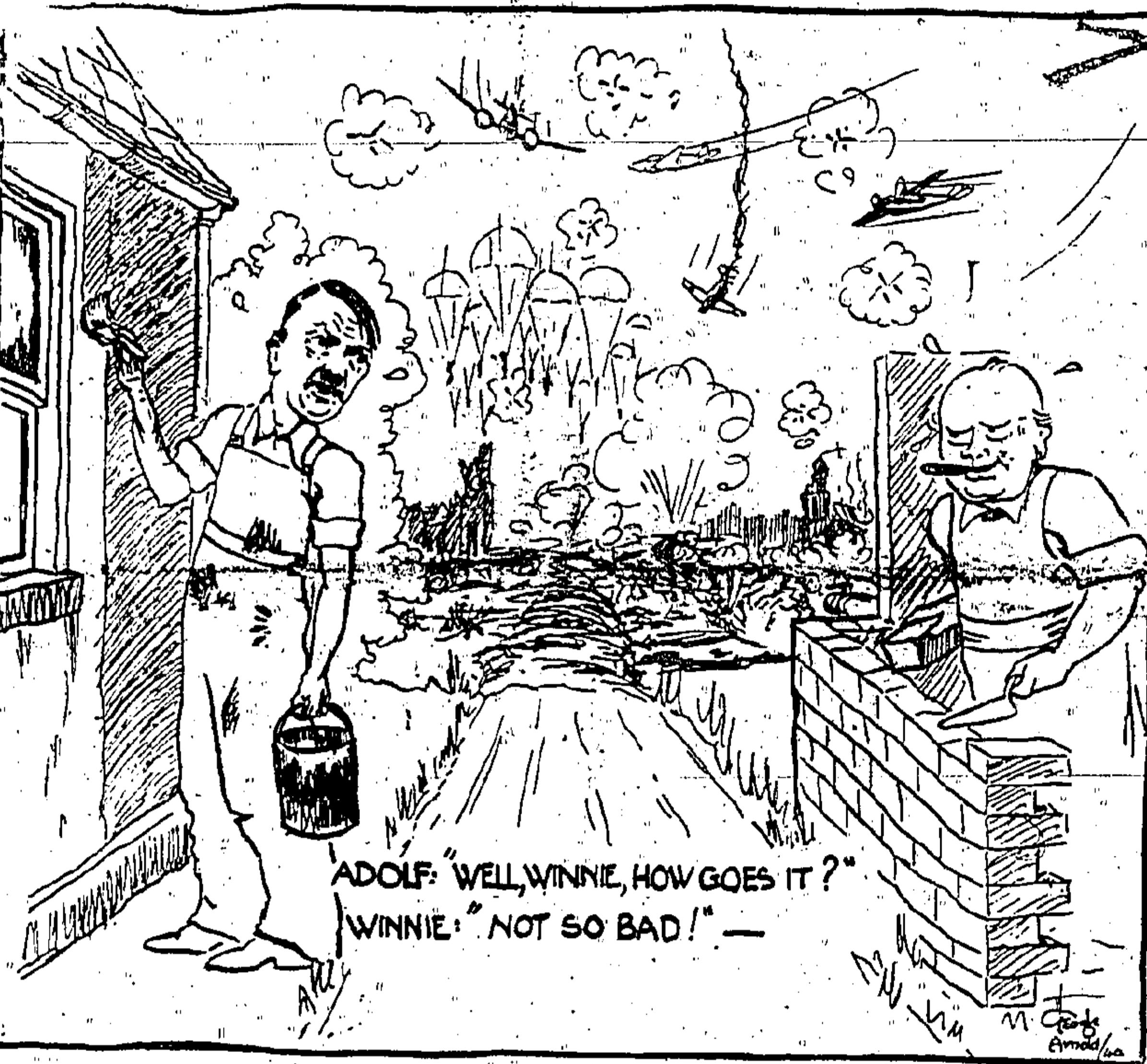
Last week a German writer expressed the belief that the internal situation in Germany would not allow Hitler to stand still for much longer. This was before the invasion of Holland and Belgium, when the general opinion was that Hitler and his generals would stake everything on the great summer offensive.

I have good reason to believe that Hitler told Mr. Sumner Welles in their recent conversations that he had decided to smash the Allies in the summer. Then von Ribbentrop told the Pope that the Allies would, before long, be brought to their knees, all this pointing to the fact that Hitler could not wait.

PEACE OFFENSIVE FAILS

In June last year Hitler worked out a plan to invade Poland. I

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General Gamelin Choosing Best Moment For Counter-Attack And Allied Line Said In No Danger

LONDON, May 17 (REUTER)—REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM REPORTS THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SITUATION AS FAR AS THE BRITISH FRONT IS CONCERNED, BUT THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE PAST 24 HOURS.

The British line east of Brussels, including Louvain, apparently remains intact. The question whether the British will do everything to hold the present line or withdraw to another position westward must be governed by the action of the Allies on the right, that is to the south.

General Gamelin, doubtless, has a plan dealing with a German wedge, but he is not the sort of man to do things in a hurry. Although the French have taken certain counter-measures to meet the German thrust with greater effectiveness, it seems that Gen. Gamelin is choosing his moment for a main counter-attack.

THE MAIN POINT HE HAS TO CONSIDER IS WHETHER THE GERMANS WILL TRY TO ROLL UP THE ALLIED LINE TO THE NORTH OF THE WEDGE OR TO THE SOUTH—THAT IS TO THE MAIN DEFENCES OF THE MAGINOT LINE PROPER.

The British force, as merely part of the whole, must, therefore, await the outcome of the present battle in Ronson and Sedan and Gen. Gamelin's decision as to his next step.

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CHURCHILL FLIES TO FRANCE

It is learned, says British Wireless, that the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, flew to Paris on Thursday and has since returned.

Mr. Churchill conferred not only with the French Government but with French military advisers.

The visit is regarded in London and Paris as very valuable and useful and has been most beneficial and encouraging.

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter)—The

War Office announces that the

second contingent of the Austral-

ian Imperial Force has arrived in

Egypt and are now proceeding to

Palestine under Major-General L.

G. Mackay.

JAPANESE PLANES ATTACK CHINESE FISHING FLEET

Five Chinese are lying in Queen Mary Hospital as the result of a bombing attack on a fleet of fishing junks by five Japanese Naval warplanes off Mak Tin Hot, in Chinese territorial waters, on the morning of May 12.

The injured are: KWOK YIN-CHIN, 50, fishing junk master, Mr. NG HEUNG, 29, junk folk, LAI KIU, 25, married woman, LO KAN, 25, married woman, and CHAN KO, 20, spinster.

In his report to the police, Kwok Hung-ming, 10, of a Hongkong-registered junk, No. 1467, stated that the craft on which he was employed had left Hongkong on May 9 with a cargo of rice and a crew of ten men and four women, bound for Mak Tin Hot, in Chinese territory.

The attack occurred about 11 a.m., three days out of Hongkong, when five planes were seen approaching at a low altitude. The aircraft immediately swooped down on the junks.

A junk in the near vicinity suffered a direct hit from a bomb, and was sunk.

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MR. SOUTHARD TO PITCH FIRST BALL TODAY

Mindanao-Brewers Cross Bats At Navy Field

BY R.O.Y.

Mr. Addison E. Southard, U.S. Consul-General, will speed the 1940 season on its way this afternoon when, at 2.30 p.m., he performs the traditional opening ceremony of pitching the first ball in the match between the U.S.S. Mindanao and the H.B. Club, at the R.N.R.C. Ground, Caroline Hill.

These two teams were selected by the League committee as being most capable of providing the excitement and entertainment fitting to such an occasion and the boys will be right in there dishing it out, so fans can expect an excellent contest.

Leading the Mindanao gang will be Poochie Chase who has forsaken his old spot at the Keystone School to take up the hindsnatching duties. Red Keplinger will be his starting hurler whose medium-paced, but well-controlled, benders should give the H.B. hitters a trying afternoon. Ollie Horseface Douglas, Crooner Kuel and Red Todd will handle first, second and third respectively while Bubbles Badrick will show his wares at the Windy Alley slot. Gardeners placed from left to right will be Tony Macavage, Puddle-jumper Wilson and "Pig" Padgett.

THE BREWERS

The Brewers will line-up Jesse Arculli on the mound, supported by Hal "Baby-face" Wing Lee behind the plate. Terry Leonard at the initial sack, will try and reproduce the form that earned him the reputation of being one of the best first sackers seen locally some years back, while George Souza can be expected to give a flashy display at the middle cushion. Zinho Gosario, in his first season of baseball, will be stationed at the Hot Corner while Dave Leonard will round out a remarkably sound infield at his regular short-stop position.

H. Ali Stan Leonard and A. A. Rumjahn will form the pasture patrol, while in reserve will be such well-known players as Denham Crary, A. K. Omar, Tarzan Ismail and Sherry Bux. The sailor boys have been paying strict attention to business this year and have an even money chance of taking the honours, even though last year's records appear to show that the Brewers have a decided edge.

TOMORROW'S GAME

Although two matches were originally scheduled for tomorrow morning, only the Chung Hwa-Royal Engineers clash will be played, as South China have not yet selected their squad. Instead of

SOFTBALL AT MACAO

HONGKONG PLAYERS ENTERTAINED

From Our Own Correspondent MACAO, May 12—Softball gained admission into the local realm of sport this afternoon when four Hongkong squads, under the leadership of "Doc" Molthen and other Hongkong diamond luminaries, put up an exhibition of the game at the Canidrome Stadium.

Two games were played. In the first, Portugal, wearing the Recreio colours, batted to a win over the Rest of Hongkong. Among some of the players who were seen in action were the Gosano brothers, Nick Beltrao, Johnny Alvarez, Tony Alves, Dave Leonard, and other well-known base hitters.

The second game was temporarily held up on account of a heavy rain squall. Mostly barefooted, and slithering through the mud, very often on their backs, the Chinese ladies faced the Rest of Hongkong.

An indication of local interest in softball was demonstrated by the large turnout of spectators at this exhibition.

SPORTING FIXTURES

BOWLS LEAGUE—First Division, Kowloon B.G.C. v. Recreio A.C. Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C. Kowloon Docks v. Indian R.C.; Police v. Hongkong Football Club; Craigengower v. Retreco; B. Second Division, Kowloon Tong v. Craigengower; Police v. Kowloon B.G.C.; Cricket Club v. Kowloon F.C.; Recreio v. Kowloon C.C.; Talkoo v. Civil Service, Third Division, Indian R.C. v. Electric; Prison Officers v. Craigengower; Kowloon F.C. v. Cricket Club; Hongkong Football Club v. Kowloon B.G.C.

SWIMMING—Entries close for European Y.M.C.A. swimming Gala, 6 p.m.

Annual Sports Meeting

WAH YAN PAST STUDENTS

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will hold its Third Annual Sports at Caroline Hill on Sunday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a 400 metres relay race, open to the Colony, entries for which should be sent to Mr. Tam Slik Poon, No. 178, Johnston Road, before 22nd inst.

A 400-metres relay race will be open to teams from the "Wah" schools. Mrs. Ko Fook-son will give away the prizes.

The complete programme is as follows:—

100 Metres, Long Jump, Cricket Ball Throwing, Obstacle Race, 400 Metres Relay race open to "Wah" schools, High Jump, 50 metres for Lady Workers of the War Relief Association, 200 Metres, Little Visitors' Race, Tug of War (Past students v. Present students), 400 Metres Relay Race open to the Colony, Football Match (Past students v. Present students), Consolation Race.

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE

C.R.C. EASILY BEAT K.C.C.

In the Mixed Doubles Tennis League yesterday, Chinese Recreation Club easily defeated the Kowloon Cricket Club by seven sets to two, on the home courts.

Lee Wal-tong and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chih (C. R. C.) beat Sagram and Mrs. Sweeny 6-2, beat Zulaff and Mrs. Zimmerman 6-2, beat Mackay and Mrs. Sturges 6-3.

Paul Kong and Miss. Young (C. R. C.) beat Sagram and Mrs. Sweeny 6-4, beat Zulaff and Mrs. Zimmerman 6-2, beat Mackay and Mrs. Sturges 6-1.

W. C. Hung and Mrs. Choy (C. R. C.) lost to Sagram and Mrs. Sweeny 1-6, lost to Zulaff and Mrs. Zimmerman 2-6, beat Mackay and Mrs. Sturges 6-3.

H. K. C. C. WIN

At Cox's Path, Hongkong Cricket Club beat the Kowloon Cricket Club "A" by 6 sets to 2.

E. C. Fincher and Mrs. E. H. Williams (K. C. C.) lost to L. Goldman and Miss A. Taylor 3-6; beat B. C. Fay and Mrs. L. R. Andrews 7-5; beat T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong 6-1.

E. F. Fincher and Mrs. Kevan (K. C. C.) lost to Goldman and Miss Taylor 2-6; beat Fay and Mrs. Andrews 6-4; drew with Pearce and Miss Armstrong 6-6.

G. C. Burnett and Miss B. Harker (K. C. C.) lost to Goldman and Miss Taylor 2-6; lost to Fay and Mrs. Andrews 2-6; lost to Pearce and Miss Armstrong 4-6.

The match between University and U. S. R. C. was postponed.

STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanling tomorrow are:—

OLD COURSE

9.16 M. Pollock and J. W. Anderson
9.20 J. Limaker and J. B. Harrison
9.24 L. R. Andrews and T. H. Gear

9.28 A. R. S. Major and F. C. Young
9.32 A. D. Humphreys and F. A. Redmond
9.36 D. L. Newbigging and F. S. Gibbons

9.40 G. C. Worrall and A. K. Mackenzie
9.44 A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfarlane
9.48 A. S. Alison and Capt. F. T. Ross

9.52 J. C. Taylor and E. G. Price
10.12 R. C. Gardner and M. G. Garrithers
10.16 Major Fenfold and Major Temple
10.20 Capt. Bridge and Major MacPherson

NEW COURSE

9.20 R. R. Pearson and F. A. Peters
9.48 Mrs. Farrar and Miss Walker

In addition to the above there will be spoons presented for the highest Nett score in each class at each range, together with one sealed envelope competition for each class, open only to those who have not otherwise won a prize at this meeting. Handicap spoons will be given as usual by the Association.

There will be two spoons for claybird shooting to be arranged for later.

No competitor will be eligible to

SPORTS

HANDICAP WEIGHTS FOR SIXTH EXTRA MEETING

The following are the handicap weights for the Sixth Extra Race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be held on Saturday, May 25:—

1. Carpenteria Handicap (1 Mile) A Good Time 142, A Green Time 135, Brown Derby 142, Catterick Bridge 149, Comedy Star 140, Discovery Bay 140, Forehand Drive 135, Grand Allegiance 142, Maple Star 150, National Victory 152, Rising Star 152, Roofify 155, Snowy River 154, Spring Shine 162, Strathcarrick 147, Violet Queen 148.

2. Shing Mun Handicap (6 Furlongs) Ascot Vale 140, Bistro 160, Desert Star 141, Double Charier 144, Gold Coin 140, Golden Cow 140, Good Morning 144, Jack O'Lantern 148, Kui Cheung 157, Night View 166, Orange Boven 158, Plet Helm 145, Soldier of China 156, Sunlight View 168, Talkative 140, Tim 144, Tiny Tim 140.

3. Morton Bay Handicap (D Class (1 Mile)) A Good Time 152, A Green Time 142, Brown Derby 152, Colorado Star 135, Dick Turpin 148, Helms 145, Income Tax 165, Murray River 140, Nancy Lee 145, Piccadilly Jim 160, Pocoons 145, Schmetterling 148, Sea Urchin 143, Tarzan 135, Winnie 143, Zodiac 135.

4. Yangtze Handicap (1 Mile) Attacking Time 154, Blue Field 146, Emergency Unit 140, Eve of Dancing 140, Eve of Folly 153, Eve of Hunting 140, Eve of Peace 140, Hugger 158, Jane Doe 140, Possible 158, Victoria 140.

5. Hervey Bay Handicap (A Class (From the 1/4 Mile Post)) Albury 136, Ascot Day 148, Conqueror 140, Contact 140, Courting Eve 185, Criffel 136, Devonian 142, Lancashire Chips 145, Lucky Lad 138, Many Thanks 150, Melody Star 150, Tornado Star 149, Vanity Fair 152, Viceroy 138.

N.B.—If top weight does not accept, all weights to be raised 5 lb.

6. Wallend Handicap (C Class (1 Mile)) Bredon 155, Catterick Bridge 149, Comedy Star 140, Discovery Bay 140, Forehand Drive 135, Grand Allegiance 142, Maple Star 150, National Victory 152, Rising Star 152, Roofify 155, Snowy River 154, Spring Shine 162, Strathcarrick 147, Violet Queen 148.

7. West River Handicap (D Class (6 Furlongs)) Ascot Vale 140, Bistro 160, Desert Star 141, Double Charier 144, Gold Coin 140, Golden Cow 140, Good Morning 144, Jack O'Lantern 148, Kui Cheung 157, Night View 166, Orange Boven 158, Plet Helm 145, Soldier of China 156, Sunlight View 168, Talkative 140, Tim 144, Tiny Tim 140.

8. Great Bight Handicap (B Class (6 Furlongs)) A Great Time 159, Annabella 135, Derby Day 145, Double Finesse 155, Princess Claro 147, Pumpernickel 148, Teviotdale 148, Triumphant Day 160, Vixen 145.

9. Lantau Handicap (C Class (From the 2 Mile Post, Once Round & In)) Advancing Time 148, Attacking Time 162, Blue Field 154, Blue Gate 151, Bronze Arrow 140, Commencement Bay 140, Emergency Unit 144, Eve of Dancing 140, Eve of Reason 168, Gladiator 151, Hugger 156, Jane Doe 151, Lady Love 140, Lancashire Boy 140, Laughing Girl 140, Little Princess 155, National Pride 140, National Success 140, Oomph 148, Pinfarthings 151, Romeo 140, Rose Flare 156, Rose Perfect 151, Rose-Queen 140, Royal Highness 140, Salvage Master 140, Scenic View 145, Smashing Through 161, Sylvandale 140, Tampa Bay 152, Taxing Master 157, Thirty Six 158, Xenophon 151.

10. Yantze Handicap (1 Mile) Advancing Time 148, Attacking Time 162, Blue Field 154, Blue Gate 151, Bronze Arrow 140, Commencement Bay 140, Emergency Unit 144, Eve of Dancing 140, Eve of Reason 168, Gladiator 151, Hugger 156, Jane Doe 151, Lady Love 140, Lancashire Boy 140, Laughing Girl 140, Little Princess 155, National Pride 140, National Success 140, Oomph 148, Pinfarthings 151, Romeo 140, Rose Flare 156, Rose Perfect 151, Rose-Queen 140, Royal Highness 140, Salvage Master 140, Scenic View 145, Smashing Through 161, Sylvandale 140, Tampa Bay 152, Taxing Master 157, Thirty Six 158, Xenophon 151.

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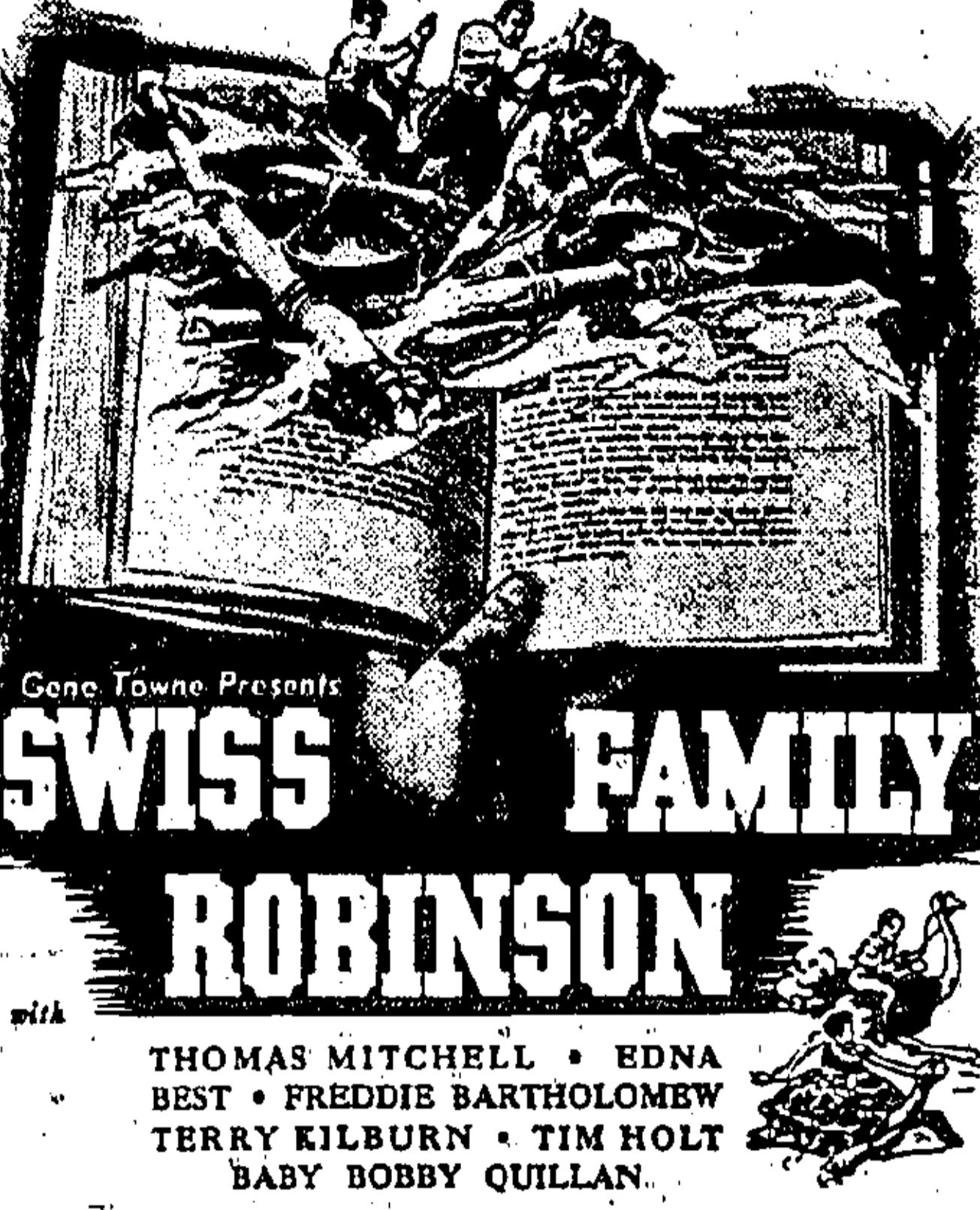
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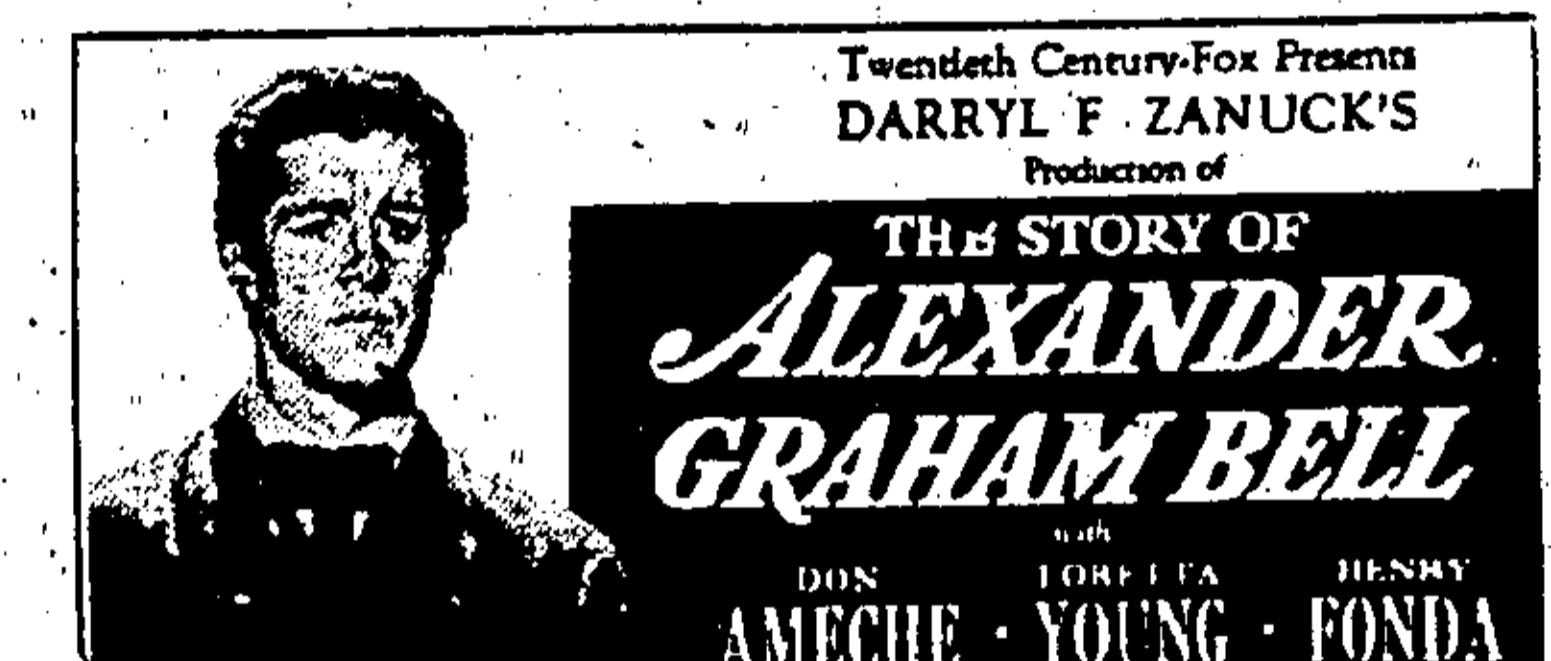
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FALSE REPORT TO POLICE

A fine of \$50 was imposed by Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday on Chan Ho, 40, travelling trader, convicted of having given false information to the Police.

Sub-Insp. L. Tyler, prosecuting, said that on May 15, defendant reported to the Water Police that he met 10 robbers at Mirs Bay in British territory and they had robbed him of 79 pincers of Chinese medicines and \$275 in Chinese currency.

The Police investigated the report, and having reason to believe that it was false, questioned defendant, who later admitted that he had fabricated the story in detail.

What had actually happened was that he met the robbers in Chinese territory and had been robbed of his medicines. On reporting the loss to his master, however, he claimed, he was instructed to inform the Police the robbery was in British territory.

His master, he explained, had

UNREGISTERED WARD

Pleading guilty to having had in her possession a six-year-old ward not registered with the S.C.A. and admitting that she had beaten the child, a woman named Shan Pak-lam, 20, was fined \$40, or in default a month with hard labour, by Mr. Q.A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Defendant said she had to punish the girl as she was constantly run out into the street, without permission, where she was in danger of being run over by passing cars. She thought she had to teach the child a lesson.

Inspector H.W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that the girl had been examined by a doctor, and numerous bruises were found on her arms and legs.

thought that the police would be more likely to immediately investigate the robbery if it was reported as having occurred in British territory.

Radio Programmes

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TODAY

BARBARA GILMOUR (SOPRANO)
FROM THE STUDIO
Rachmaninoff Concerto
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 "The Gay Nineties."
A Medley of old time musical hall songs sung by Frank Luther with Zora Layman and the Century Quartet.

12.50 Concert Waltzes.

Springtime Waltz (Composer Unknown); Farmyard Waltz (Folk Tune); Continental Novelty; Orchestra Woodland Joy (Schlesinger); Columbia Salon Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot: "Looking 'Round" (Corners For You); "Gimme Head over Heels"; Rumba; "Ain't Cha Comin' Out"; Fox-Trot: "My Prayer"; Quickstep: "Sing a Song of Sunbeams (From 'East side of Heaven'); Slow Fox-Trot: "That's Why Old Gentlemen (From 'East side of Heaven'); Fox-Trot: "Adieu"; Quickstep: "Kiss Me Goodnight"; Sergeant Major Fox-Trot: "I'm An Old Cowhand"; March: "The Queen of the Range"; Empty Saddles (From "Rhythm on the Range").

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Lehr.

"Merry Widow" — Selection — Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Love's Melody (from the film); Look and Love (from "Love's Melody"); Marta Eggerth (Soprano) with Orchestra; Stay With Me For Ever ("Gladiatrix"); My Lips Are Made For Kissing ("Gladiatrix") — Marek Weber and His Orchestra; The Land of Smiles — Selection — London Theatre Orchestra cond. by Ernest Irving.

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BIGGEST R.A.F. RAID OF THE WAR

French Shell German Munition Dump

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter)—Up to late last evening the following was the position on the Lowland western front.

Two features of yesterday's operations were the biggest R.A.F. raid of the war and fighting west of Sedan.

The Air Ministry announced that the R.A.F. raid lasted the whole night. The planes bombed the enemy road, rail and communications east of the Rhine. Many tons of bombs were dropped and many fires and explosions followed.

The Nazis have kept fairly quiet about the raid although a passing reference to it was made by the German High Command which claims that no military objectives were hit, but a number of civilians were killed. They also stated that the bombs only did a little damage.

TANKS AND BOMBERS

The only reliable news of operations to the north-west of Sedan is contained in a French communiqué.

The communiqué states that operations are taking on the characteristics of open warfare. Tanks and planes are being used in large numbers.

Owing to the higher interests of the conduct of military operations the communiqué could not give any further details for the present.

Responsible spokesmen do not deny that the position between Namur and Sedan is serious but they assert that Allied High Command has taken the necessary measures to reduce the pocket French defences at Sedan.

GREAT MELEE OF TROOPS

Some of the German motorised units which broke through at Sedan got to the rear of the French lines but by Wednesday evening the French were able to counter-attack.

Presumably, the enemy resumed operations yesterday but up to a late hour in the afternoon there was no more news.



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Nazis Stake Their All

FRENCH PREMIER'S STIRRING TALK

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter)—"Germany has decided to stake her all," declared M. Paul Reynaud, the French Premier, when with his National Union Government, he faced the Chamber yesterday afternoon.

M. Reynaud added that Germany had thrown herself on three free people and today she aimed at the heart of France.

Holland had lost her soul but had discovered in a few days those virtues which had made her greatness in history. The Dutch Government had told him, "We shall be at your side with all the resources of our Empire to the very end."

The Allied High Command has taken the necessary dispositions which it hopes will be successful.

MUNITION DUMPS ATTACKED

The French artillery is banging away at German munition supply and dumps while the German artillery is attacking French forts in the Vosges.

The German attack on Wednesday on the positions held by the British troops between Antwerp and Louvain were successfully held.

Correspondents with the British Expeditionary Force here state that this push is secondary to the main drive further south.

NAMUR ISOLATED

The line runs down to Louvain and then southwards past Namur and then down to Sedan and the French line.

Namur, like Liege, is now isolated and is forming another centre of resistance behind the Nazi advance.

"Resist to the utmost for the Fatherland. I am proud of you," read a message from King Leopold which was broadcast several times yesterday to the Commander, officers, N.C.O.'s, and men at the forts at Liege.

PILOTS HAD A GOOD DAY

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry states that the damage inflicted by Wednesday night's bombing operations on military objectives was extensive and covered a wide area.

The majority of aircraft—the largest force of R.A.F. bombers yet employed—found and bombed their targets. They caused widespread damage and many explosions and fires broke out.

No opposition was offered by enemy fighters but the ground defences were active.

ONLY ONE MISSING

Direct hits were scored on the main road and railway line. Other planes successfully bombed the roads leading to the bridge and set the woods alight.

A military encampment was also attacked and a bomber scored a direct hit in the centre of a mechanised column two miles long.

The daily toll inflicted on enemy aircraft is working out at more than three to one in our favour.

Several direct hits were scored on another long mechanised column by Hampden bombers which also attacked road and rail communications.

Only one of our aircraft failed to return.

BLENHEIMS LOST

Night operations were carried out simultaneously by Wellington aircraft to assist the Allied Infantry encountering an enemy attack in the neighbourhood of Turnhout (north of the Albert Canal) and Dinant (south of Namur).

During the day, bombing operations were also carried out in the neighbourhood of Montherme and Dinant by two squadrons of Blenheim aircraft. They caused heavy damages to parked lorries and tanks.

Two Blenheims failed to return.

Our fighter pilots had a good day. A total of 50 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

AIR ATTACKS ON ENEMY

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter)—

Since dawn today wave after wave of British fighter aircraft have been bombing and machine-gunning enemy positions and troops on the march in Meuse Valley, says Reuter's special correspondent on the Belgian frontier.

Pontoon bridges have been blown up and roads blocked with debris following the explosion of heavy bombs. In these operations 35 enemy machines have been shot down. There is little definite news other than this from the battle front.

GENERAL

MAY GERMANY BE CRUSHED, FERVENT ITALIAN PRAYER

ROME, May 17 (Reuter)—There is a widespread feeling here yesterday that even if the Government has decided upon eventual belligerency, the present state of alarm may continue for some time.

The sailing of the Conte de Savoia is taken as an indication of at least a fortnight's peace since it is thought that Italy will not care to risk the seizure of this ship in the Atlantic.

Meanwhile the Press continues to give whole-hearted support to Germany.

It is nevertheless clear that anxiety is growing daily among the masses regarding present operations and many a prayer is being uttered that Germany shall be speedily crushed.

Chins Up In Belgium

EXCELLENT MORALE, SAYS PREMIER

BRUSSELS, May 17 (Reuter)—M. Paul Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, yesterday declared to make war to smash France, dominate Europe and thereafter the world.

He said that the German plan consists in attacking only on a limited front on which they pile up such quantities of material and support their attacks with such large air forces that the task of the defenders becomes extremely difficult.

This plan allows the German High Command to ensure territorial gains but at a cost of enormous losses of men and material.

At certain points, he said, the front had been successively taken and retaken.

ENORMOUS SACRIFICES

There were literally great heaps of destroyed tanks.

Similarly the German air force continued to stake forces twice or three times superior to those of the Allies and are making enormous sacrifices.

However, he said, the Allies appeared to have grown used to some extent to the German air attacks and to a war of movement in which their forces were most often attacked by an invisible enemy.

Despite their fatigues, M. Spaak continued, the morale of the troops was excellent especially since contact had been established between the Belgian and Allied troops.

Reinforcements were arriving steadily.

DUTCH NAVY TO WORK WITH ALLIES

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter)—The Journal de Geneva, a Berne newspaper, yesterday said that despite Holland's capitulation the Dutch Navy will participate in Allied naval operations.

The great resources of the Dutch Colonies, says the paper, are at the disposal of the Allies.

General Gamelin has chosen a site for the great battle on the western front, continues the Journal de Geneva.

This does not allow us to foresee its issue, but give the Allies confidence and good chances of success.

The brilliant successes of the German Army on the Somme in 1918 were a prelude to its destruction.

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A. R. P. DIRECTOR APPEALS FOR MORE RECRUITS

(TO THE EDITOR, HONGKONG DAILY PRESS)

Dear Sir.—May I through the medium of your paper, appeal to all managers and owners of business firms, factories, hotels, flats, and buildings of similar nature, to put their houses in order, so that should an emergency ever arise in the Colony, they will be in a position to put their A. R. P. plan of operation into effect with smoothness and efficiency.

The action that I would suggest should be taken immediately is:

(a) To appoint a small committee with, if applicable, representatives from each firm occupying the building;

(b) To appoint an official to prepare a co-ordinated A. R. P. scheme for the whole of the building, and to take executive charge in times of emergency;

(c) To detail employees to take A. R. P. courses, which will enable them not only to instruct the remainder of the employees, but also to act as leaders, should the need ever arise.

As a basis, I would suggest that one individual in every ten should be thoroughly trained in the following subjects:

(i) The selection of the most suitable place to utilise as a refuge;

(ii) The methods which can be employed to make the selected refuge reasonably proof against the effects of blast and splinters from high explosive bombs;

(iii) The methods of controlling incendiary bombs and the preventive action which can be taken to prevent the spread of fire;

(iv) Personal protection against the effects of chemical warfare;

(v) Elementary first aid, both for wounded and/or gas casualties;

(vi) Co-ordination with the Air Raid Precautions.

A. H. STEELE-PERKINS
Director of Air Raid Precautions.

NEW DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS

ORDERS FOR SALE OF SECURITIES IN U. K.

The following notice has been issued by the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, Financial Secretary:

It is notified for general information that under new Defence (Finance) Regulations published in the United Kingdom,

(1) all orders by residents of Hongkong for sale of securities in the United Kingdom;

(2) all coupons sent from Hongkong for collection in the United Kingdom must be accompanied by declarations.

(a) that they are owned by residents of Hongkong;

(b) that no enemy interest is involved.

Such declarations by sellers will suffice for a United Kingdom bank or broker if the seller in Hongkong is known to them. Otherwise such declarations should be confirmed by a local British bank.

In the case of securities for which the register is in the United Kingdom and which are on the market in Hongkong the registrar in the United Kingdom may give effect to any transfer emanating from Hongkong only if the documents are accompanied by declarations signed by transferor and transferee or by a local British bank that

(a) all persons having an interest in the securities, both as transferors and transferees are residents in Hongkong;

(b) no enemy interest is involved.

FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

A former Water Department coolie, Fong Tsun-yan, 23, was fined \$100, in default two months' hard labour by Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon Court yesterday on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

Sgt. Morrison, prosecuting, said that defendant on May 14, called at No. 42, Sai Yeung Choi Street, ground floor, where he informed Yeung Hong, 28, the principal tenant that the Water Department had sent him to put right a water cock that was out of order.

Having examined the water cock and tinkered with it, defendant then told the principal tenant that he would have to pay a bill of \$5 to the Water Department and he would immediately give him a receipt.

Yeung Hong, the tenant, then gave defendant \$2.50 asking that he wait until the following day for the balance. Defendant gave him a receipt, but after he left complainant noticed that the receipt was dated "1934" and reported the case to the police. Defendant was subsequently arrested and charged.

Appearing on remand before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court, charged with bringing into the Colony and possession of a sword, two married women, Wong Sui-yei and Wong Sap-sam, were each fined \$25 or three week's hard labour.

King's Park Incident

FOUR MEN ACCUSED OF ROBBERY

Committee proceedings on a charge of robbery with violence at King's Park on the afternoon of March 8 were commenced before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday against Kam Chun, 25, Chan Wai, 25, Lo Chiu-luen, 19, and Lau Yuk, 19, who were chased and arrested by several refugees of the King's Park Refugee Camp.

Lau Lui-kwan, complainant, stated that about 3 p.m. on May 6 she was walking with her cousin, Tam Ping, in King's Park, when she was approached by a man whom she later identified as third defendant. He told complainant he would have to search Tam for contraband.

Three other men then came on the scene. Not finding anything of value on Tam, they proceeded to search Lau. She took out 20 cents and offered it to defendants, but first defendant, she alleged, struck her on the chest. The two men standing behind her pushed her to the ground and struck several blows at her, the witness further alleged.

PUT HAND IN POCKET

Seeking to prevent their taking her purse, which contained \$8 and a gold ring, she put her hand inside the pocket where it was kept. First defendant, noticing this action on her part, pulled away her hand and took the purse. The four men then ran and Tam pursued first defendant. Four refugees at King's Park Camp, seeing the men running, joined in the chase and caught Kam Chun.

The following day witness identified defendants at Yau Ma Tei Police Station.

Other witnesses will be heard on Wednesday afternoon.

RADIO SALESMAN CHARGED

Charles Archer, 26, salesman, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday on a charge of fraudulent conversion.

He was alleged to have converted into his own use a radio set, property of the Bosco Radio Corporation, which was to be delivered to Mr. A. Li of the On Lok Yuen Restaurant.

Mr. F. D. Gardner, assistant manager of the firm, appeared as complainant.

Defendant was remanded for 72 hours. Bail was fixed at \$200.

SALE OF A MINOR

Charged with having taken part in the transaction of a minor, a married woman named Po Sze, aged 28, was remanded for 72 hours by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at Central Court yesterday.

Inspector Moreton, of the S. C. A., who prosecuted, said that the father of the child concerned left his son in the charge of a woman because he had to work. He gave the woman 20 cents a day for the trouble.

Some days later he became suspicious because he saw several women about, and on Wednesday last he followed the woman who was together with the defendant. The two women were buying a new outfit for his son.

He then called the police and had the defendant followed. Later in the day the defendant was arrested on a sampan, on board of which was found the boy.

PIRACY VICTIMS SUCCUMBS

Another victim of the piracy which took place off Sam Mun Chai on May 8, died at the Kowloon Hospital on Thursday. The victim was the eighth person who succumbed to injuries received as a result of the brutal attack by a gang of pirates. Their junk was set on fire after having been plunged into petrol.

COLONY HEALTH

Fifty-two cases of tuberculosis (one imported), three cases of dysentery, three of measles, three of enteric fever and one case of small-pox were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight, May 16.

Pleading guilty to a summons for driving a car at an excessive speed, namely 40 miles per hour, P. R. Wanklin, of North Point, was fined \$10 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at Central Court yesterday.

GENERAL

REFEREES HOLD SUCCESSFUL WHIST DRIVE

A very enjoyable evening was spent by 92 competitors at the whist drive held by the Hongkong Football Referees' Association at the Hotel Cecil, Mrs. Dove presenting the prizes at the conclusion of the function. Excellent arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Ford, M.C., and his committee.

There were splendid prizes one of which was kindly donated by Mrs. A. G. James, of Kowloon, and another by Tomlinago, of Hongkong.

The raffle draw resulted as follows:—1st Ticket No. 2156; 2nd No. 2785; 3rd No. 2398; 4th 2402; 5th 306.

PRIZE WINNERS

The prize winners in the whist drive were as follows:

Ladies—1st Miss Redwood; 2nd Miss Coats; 3rd Mrs. Shepherd; 4th Miss Taylor.

Gentlemen—1st Mr. Lawes; 2nd Mr. Dunn; 3rd Mr. Westwood; 4th Mr. Copsey.

The next whist drive will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Friday, June 14, at 8.30 p.m., when there will be the usual fine array of prizes.

The Referees' Association thanks the public for their support in the drive for funds for the new club-house and hope that that support will be continued at future functions.

Passengers

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The following passengers left Hongkong on J.C.L. liner yesterday.

Mr. R. Murray, Miss D. Pearce, Mr. R. A. da Silva, Mr. W. T. Chang, Mr. Y. Horiguchi, Mr. Russell Fleming, Mr. K. S. Wong, Miss A. Aycock, Master A. Masseur, Mr. J. Ch. A. Gundesen, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Yuen.

DEPARTURES

The following passengers left Hongkong yesterday:

Mr. A. H. Ballantyne, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bardelet, Mr. E. C. G. Barrett, Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Brauer and children, Capt. and Mrs. Frank L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. Burns, Mrs. E. W. Claxton and family, Surg.-Comdr. T. L. Cleave, R.N., and Mrs. Cleave and children, Mrs. M. Dearu, Mrs. V. Delheim, Mrs. G. D. Lastic, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Dobree, Mr. and Mrs. D. Drummond, Miss D. Dunnnett, Mr. F. W. Elker, Mr. M. Eliash, Miss Nora E. Elliott, Miss A. M. Ferguson, Mr. J. C. G. Ferguson, Rev. A. J. Geddy, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. C. Goode, Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett, D.S.O., M.C., Mr. M. J. M. Gratcap, Capt. and Mrs. James D. Groves, Mrs. R. L. Gutierrez and son.

Rev. A. P. Hadwen, Miss Peggy Harding, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Hulbrook and daughter, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. Alexandre Imbert, Mr. H. P. K. Jacks, Mrs. E. M. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. King and daughter, Mr. D. J. Kinnear, Miss W. C. Lambley, Mrs. G. Langford and children, Mrs. S. P. Langley, Mr. R. Leach, Mr. A. P. Marsh, Mrs. G. V. T. Marshall, Miss M. D. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKeachie, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. D. McLeod, Mr. J. C. Menhinick, Miss E. Moore, Sir Andrew and Lady Noble and children, Mr. L. G. Owen, Miss Annie Parkes Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Pearce and children, Mr. J. E. Pipe, Mrs. Audrey Price and children.

Mr. S. Ramaro, Miss D. Rayden, Mr. W. Richards, Capt. J. E. Riddell, Brig. and Mrs. E. J. Ross, Miss Dorothy M. Ross, Mr. S. A. Shyliji, Mr. P. B. Shroff, Miss M. Shroff, Mr. C. Sills, Miss C. Smith, Mrs. E. Spencer-Brock, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stark-Toller, Mr. R. Stephen, Miss G. Stephenson, Capt. R. E. T. St. John, Dr. (Miss) Ruth M. Tait, Mr. A. K. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Tovey, Mr. A. Wahab, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. E. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilson, Mr. A. Yusufally, Mr. W. Anderson.

CROWN LAND SALE

Ten lots of Crown Land were sold at the District Office, South, yesterday.

Seven lots were sold at the upset

price, while one lot of .31 acre, situated at Ha Kwai Chung, was purchased by the successful bidder at \$420, nearly 100 per cent above the upset price of \$17. The other two lots, with the upset price of \$5 and \$7, were sold at \$20 each.

C.I.C. DANCE

A very successful dinner dance and cabaret entertainment was held by the Chinese Industrial Co-operators last night at the Peninsula Hotel when a large gathering was present.

There were several very attractive and entertaining cabaret numbers.

The Dance Committee consisted of Messrs. H. C. Chen, C. Fortescue, J. Y. Koh, J. E. Potter, Catherine Tsang, Mimi Tsang, Lily Yui; the Misses S. C. Chen, Doris Kotewall, Helen Kotewall, Lucy Liang, A. F. Wong, Dora Wong and Amy Young.

FOE THE NORTH

The following passengers left on British ship for the north yesterday: Mrs. M. Holz, Mr. S. W. Thomas, Capt. E. Haga, Mr. Pepiow and Mr. Bruce.

COLONY HEALTH

Fifty-two cases of tuberculosis (one imported), three cases of dysentery, three of measles, three of enteric fever and one case of small-pox were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight, May 16.

COLONY HEALTH

Pleading guilty to a summons for driving a car at an excessive speed, namely 40 miles per hour, P. R. Wanklin, of North Point, was fined \$10 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at Central Court yesterday.

COLONY HEALTH

Appearing on remand before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court, charged with bringing into the Colony and possession of a sword, two married women, Wong Sui-yei and Wong Sap-sam, were each fined \$25 or three week's hard labour.



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Airport News

IMPERIAL PLANE ARRIVES

The delayed Imperial Airways inward plane Delphinus (Capt. A. B. Dykes and F/O. I. Hardy) arrived at Kai Tak yesterday at 3.15 p.m.

She brought 232 kilos of mail, 42.2 kilos of freight and two passengers from London—Mrs. K. Edmondson and Miss Edmonton.

Imperial Airways outward plane taking the Hongkong mail will leave Kai Tak on Sunday morning.

The next inward plane, with London mails of May 11, is expected to arrive in Hongkong tomorrow.

HONOLULU CLIPPER

Pan American Airways Honolulu Clipper is expected to arrive in Hongkong on Tuesday and will return to Manila the following morning.

CROWN LAND SALE

Ten lots of Crown Land were sold at the District Office, South, yesterday.

Seven lots were sold at the upset price, while one lot of .31 acre, situated at Ha Kwai Chung, was purchased by the successful bidder at \$420, nearly 100 per cent above the upset price of \$17. The other two lots, with the upset price of \$5 and \$7, were sold at \$20 each.

C.I.C. DANCE

A very successful dinner dance and cabaret entertainment was held by the Chinese Industrial Co-operators last night at the Peninsula Hotel when a large gathering was present.

There were several very attractive and entertaining cabaret numbers.

The Dance Committee consisted of Messrs. H. C. Chen, C. Fortescue, J. Y. Koh, J. E. Potter, Catherine Tsang, Mimi Tsang, Lily Yui; the Misses S. C. Chen, Doris Kotewall, Helen Kotewall, Lucy Liang, A. F. Wong, Dora Wong and Amy Young.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of WALTER HOSKING MASLEN of 25 Bishopsgate in the City of London and of 78 Viceroy Court, Prince Albert Road, Regents Park in the County of Middlesex, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 14th June, 1940.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

DEACONS,
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ADVERTISEMENTS

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May, to the 2nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents,
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 16138 for 50 shares Nos. 73004/73053 issued on 2nd February, 1932 and Certificate No. 19273 for 16 shares Nos. 468410/468425 issued on 11th March, 1936 in the name of CHEUNG SUNG PUN have been declared LOST and should the same not be produced before 3rd JUNE, 1940, they shall be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 16th May, 1940.

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NOTICE

BANQUE BELGE POUR L'ETRANGER
(Extreme-Orient) S.A.

Under general license No. 10 granted by the United States Government the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger (Extreme-Orient) S.A. is now authorized to dispose freely of all its assets in the United States and therefore to carry on business as usual with the United States of America.

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THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,
Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

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CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED.

FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 28th February, 1941, of three per cent, that is \$3.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Saturday, the 1st June, 1940, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th to the 31st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
CHUNG YAM TING,
Acting Secretary.

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報章

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HONGKONG, MAY 18, 1940.

HITLER'S FIFTH COLUMN

WORKING unobtrusively and unostentatiously, but using all the wiles, deceptions, and stratagems for which the Nazi war organisation has now become so well known, Herr Hitler's "shock troops," or as they are more artistically styled, his "Fifth Column," continue to bring into effect the full repertory of their tricks in every country in Europe today. It is most difficult to locate them and even harder to prevent their foul methods from achieving some measure of success. They mix with the inhabitants of the countries to which they have been assigned, wearing civilian clothes, and are, to all appearances, peaceful and law-abiding citizens of the countries which Herr Hitler's lust for aggression has chosen to be the victims of his dreams of world domination. As phase has succeeded phase in the hostilities in Europe, more and more evidence of the vile nature of the work done by these "shock troops" is coming to light. In every country in Europe—and, perhaps, outside Europe as well—there are quislings who have stooped to the base inducements offered by these gangs of trained saboteurs and propagandists and who are ready to sell the honour and freedom of their country when "Der Tag" arrives.

IN THE END there is no doubt that these "shock troops" will defeat their own ends, but, in the meantime, there are many others who are prepared to follow the example of men like Seyss-Inquart, Henlein and Quisling. Before the invasion of the Low Countries, Herr Hitler's "Fifth Column" had started wide-scale operations in Holland and Belgium. In Holland, particularly, the feature of the activity of these Nazi agents was a whispering campaign which sought to instill into the peaceful Dutch people the fear that an Allied invasion of their territory was imminent. How far these "shock troops" were able to convince the people by these methods will never be clear, but the utter baselessness of Nazi promises to the Low Countries to respect their neutrality is now more than evident—the invasion of Holland and Belgium was probably "Der Tag" for which these Nazi agents had prepared the ground. The rapidity of the manner in which the German war machine pushes forward can only be accomplished with the co-operation of these "shock troops," which form the vanguard for Herr Hitler's invasions. They number not hundreds, but thousands and they include men of several nationalities, but their weapon is fear and they drive it home with all the subtlety at their command and with the full assistance of the Reich, whose Secret Service "pays these agents huge sums of money for their work."

IT TOOK a long time before the countries of Europe woke up to the terrible danger which threatened them from within through this devilish Nazi organisation. And, perhaps, that realisation has come too late. Much of the poison which these Nazi agents have spread has already claimed its victims. But it is never too late to attempt to stamp out these

methods of Nazi cunning and deceit. In every country in Europe today—barring, of course, the Totalitarian states—the most intensive measures are being directed towards exterminating these verminous organisations. In Britain, too, the drive against this baneful campaign is being conducted on an unprecedented scale. New degrees have been passed imposing the severest penalties for those who are found to be associated with any movements of which there is the slightest doubt. France has done likewise, while the Balkan and Mediterranean countries have not been slow to check the evil and far-reaching influences which these "shock troops" are able to exert on the people. The methods adopted may be drastic, but no pity is possible in dealing with methods which defy the rigid principles of peace, law and order.

EDITORIAL

SMOKING CONCERT HELD AT VOLUNTEER H.Q.

H.E. The Governor Gives Away The Prizes

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, distributed the prizes won during the year at the various Volunteer competitions, including those at the annual rifle meeting, at Volunteer Headquarters last night when, in place of the Annual Dinner, a smoking concert was held.

A very enjoyable programme was carried out and in the course of the evening, Lieut.-Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant, gave a lengthy review of the year's work in the course of which he congratulated the different units for their efficiency and expressed the thanks of the Corps to His Excellency for his kind attendance at the function.

GOVERNOR'S REPLY

After giving away the prizes His Excellency said that he would be proceeding on leave in two days and he hoped, on his return, to find the additions to the Headquarters had been completed.

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. E. Grasett, who is away from the Colony, could not attend this year's function and his place was taken by Brigadier A. B. Thomson.

COMMANDANT'S SPEECH

Before asking His Excellency the Governor, our Honorary Colonel, to present the prizes that have been won by units and members of the Corps during the past year, I would like to say how grateful we all are that his Excellency has done us the honour of coming here tonight.

His Excellency is leaving the Colony very shortly and in consequence is extremely busy. In addition he has not yet fully recovered from a serious illness and I would like to thank him most heartily on behalf of every member of the Corps for coming this evening to present the prizes.

I am sorry that His Excellency the G.O.C. has been unable to be present but Brigadier Thomson has very kindly come in his place and I extend him my hearty welcome from all members of the Corps. I would also like to welcome all our other guests if I do not welcome them individually it is only because the number makes this impossible.

KEEN COMPETITION

I would like to congratulate all the prize winners this evening. Competition has been considerably keener this year than even before which is only to be expected with a 100 per cent increase in our numbers and with the increased interest in training.

I congratulate the 1st Battery on being the first winners of the Governor's Trophy. This trophy was presented by His Excellency the Governor to be competed for by all batteries of Corps Artillery during the training season.

All subjects are taken into consideration—shooting, gunnery, administration, drill, discipline. The competition was very keen and the 1st Battery only won by a very short head. We are all very glad that his Excellency should be here to present his own trophy the first time that it has been competed for.

C.R.A. THANKED

I would like particularly to thank the C.R.A., Brigadier McLeod, and his staff for all they did in organising and superintending this competition.

THE FRANCIS CUP

The Francis Cup was won by No. 6 Portuguese Anti-Aircraft Company again very closely pursued by the Corps Signals who were only one point behind.

The Falling Plate Competition was won by No. 5 Portuguese Company. This team shot extremely well and might well have had all the plates down—as it was one plate was left up with rounds in hand as it appeared from the firing point that all had been hit.

The Stanley Platoon was second and No. 2 Coy 3rd.

Lieut. Austin won the Corps Championship with a very good score. Last year he won the Revolver Cup and I heartily congratulate him of this double victory.

GOOD REVOLVER SHOT

The Musketry Competition was won by Cpl. Hammond Class II-Pte. McTavish and Class III-Pte. Roario. Cpl. Hammond has been shooting consistently well and thoroughly deserve to win.

The Revolver Competition was won by L/Bdr. Tansley of 5th A.A. Battery as he is probably the best Revolver shot in the Colony. He deserved to win, but Pipe-Major Mackie of No. 2 Coy was very close to him and Cpl. Mills a close 3rd.

MEMBER MOBILISED

There is one other prize winner.

I would like to mention C. S. M. Peers, Late O.C. Air Arm, was mobilised at the beginning of the War.

Shortly after, he won the

prize awarded by the Guild of Air

Pilots and Navigators of the British Empire for the highest marks obtained by any candidate.

I am sure every member of this Corps,

and especially the Air Arm would

wish to congratulate him on this

success.

BRITISH RELIEF UNIT

ENTERTAINED

Members of the British Relief Unit to China were the guests of honour at a dinner party given by Dr. C. T. Wang, President of the Chinese Red Cross and former Chinese Ambassador in Washington, at the Ying King Restaurant yesterday evening.

Besides the members of the Unit, including Mr. Evert Barger, Mr. Philip Wright, Mr. Owen Evans, Mr. Llewelyn Evans and Mr. William Jenkins, other guests present were Hon. Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo Hon, Dr. and Mrs. Li Shu-fan, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Woo, Dr. and Mrs. Li Shu-pui, Mrs. Rose Tan, Dr. C. Y. Wu and Mr. Y. F. Lieu.

Miss Anfu Wang, Dr. Wang's younger daughter, acted as hostess.

The Artillery Cup was won by No. 1 Detachment, no. 1 Gun of the 1st Battery and the Champion Cup by Gunner Smith, also of 1st Battery. This cup is for the best layer in Corps Artillery.

I heartily congratulate the 1st Battery on these successes but hope next year one of the other batteries will see what they can do about it.

The Marshall Trophy was won by "A" Detachment of 3rd Battery and this detachment did very well indeed.

THE ENGINEERS

The Nathan Cup for Efficiency was won by the Field Company Engineers. It is not altogether easy to assess the relative efficiency of units of different arms, but I think no other unit of the Corps is quite so ready to get on with their Mobilisation role without outside help and with every detail ready and practised.

The Corps Annual Rifle Meeting was held at the Kowloon Ranges on Sunday, April 14, and was a great success.

HE, the G.O.C. paid us a visit and watched much of the shooting. I am afraid the last details to shoot in the afternoon were unlucky as conditions deteriorated with wind and rain.

Much of the success of the meeting was due to the very efficient organisation by the Rifle Club Committee under Major Evan Stewart and the Secretary, S. M. S. Hargreaves, both did an immense amount of work to ensure the smooth running and efficient organisation of the meeting.

I would like to thank the Midsex Regiment for providing the markers. They had a very busy time and without their able assistance we could never have got through the programme.

ARTILLERY SUPPORT

Our own Signals arranged all communications most efficiently.

I would like to thank all those volunteers who helped so ably to keep the records and tabulated the results which they did most rapidly and accurately.

We were all very pleased to welcome all from the Stanley Platoon and I congratulate them on their successes. They were second in the Falling Plate and Pte. McTavish won the Class II Musketry Competition.

I think the Committee were a little lenient in putting such an efficient unit in Class II but they have considerably fewer numbers than the other units.

I would like to congratulate Corps Artillery on the way they supported the Meeting. Although they have very little practice with the hand gun they entered no less than 6 teams which was a very sporting effort.

The Blake Shield was won by No. 1 Company, led by the Company Commander, Major. Owen Hughes with Captain Wood, Lieut. Holmes and Cpl. Hammond. They were closely followed by the Corps Signals. The competition was fired in bad weather and in view of the conditions the scoring was good.

IN THE COMPETITION NO. 5 COMPANY

were 4th and the M. M. G. Platoon 6th out of 9 teams, all the remainder being from the Regular Army.

The competition consisted of two practices and in the second practice No. 5 Company were 1st. No. 5 Company also had the best individual gun of any team.

As they had been unable to have any practice whatever for the competition owing to lack of range accommodation I think the results were very satisfactory.

HELPEES THANKED

Finally I would like to thank all those who have so willingly helped to organise and superintend the different competitions and have given up so much of their time in doing so.

It is difficult to discuss the future at the present time but if conditions are similar next year I think we will have to devote two days to the Rifle Meeting and certainly include L. G. Match.

I hope the standard in our weapon training will continue to improve.

The Corps Rifle Club has been re-organised and the membership increased enormously and I hope

at the next Bisley Meeting to see members of the Corps more prominent than ever before especially in the open sights competitions.

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VIOLENT ATTACKS

OSTEND, May 17 (Reuter)—A Belgian communiqué, dated Thursday evening, says: "North and north-east of Antwerp enemy patrols made contact with our positions. Further to the south some local infantry attacks failed under the fire of our defences.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAYS DEFENCES MUST BE READY

Delivery Of Aircraft To Allies Must Be Speeded Up

WASHINGTON, May 17 (REUTER) — PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DELIVERED HIS SPECIAL DEFENCE MESSAGE TO CONGRESS PERSONALLY. HE ASKED FOR \$1,820,000,000 CASH AND CONTRACT AUTHORISATIONS FOR MILITARY IMPLEMENTS "TO MEET ANY LIGHTNING OFFENSIVE AGAINST AMERICAN INTERESTS."

The President declared that these were ominous days whose swift and awful developments force every neutral to look to its defences. He asserted that dangers confront the United States because of Europe's war and the speed with which modern armes may conquer time and space.

President Roosevelt's requests are divided into \$396,000,000 for immediate appropriations for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps and \$100,000,000 for emergencies.

In addition he sought authorisation to enter into contracts totalling \$286,000,000. President Roosevelt declared that the clear fact is that the American people must recast their thinking about national protection. The element of surprise has become even more dangerous, owing to the amazing speed with which modern equipment can reach and attack enemy territory.

WIDESPREAD INTERESTS

Our own vital interests are widespread and more than ever the protection of the whole American hemisphere against invasion or control by non-Americans has united the support of 21 American Republics, including the United States. More than ever this protection demands ready-at-hand weapons capable of great mobility.

THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE UNITED STATES GEARED TO THE ABILITY TO PRODUCE AT LEAST 50,000 PLANES A YEAR. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, THE NATION SHOULD PLAN A PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE THE COUNTRY WITH 50,000 MILITARY AND NAVAL PLANES.

The object of the new defence fund would be to equip a larger army, replace and modernise the old army and navy equipment, increase production facilities, and accelerate to the 24-hour basis all existing army and navy contracts.

DANGERS OF FUTURE
Our defences must be invulnerable and our security absolute, but our defences today do not provide for security against potential developments of the dangers of the future.

"Our objective is still peace at home and abroad. Nevertheless we stand ready not only to spend millions for defence, but also to give our ser-



SPEECH WARMLY APPLAUSED

WASHINGTON, May 17 (REUTER) — Crowded galleries of the crowded joint session of Congress enthusiastically applauded President Roosevelt's speech. Ten days ago such a speech would have been denounced as war-mongering. The applause was particularly heavy when the President requested delivery of planes to the foreign nations which had ordered them or seek more, "from the point of view of our own national defence which would be extremely short-sighted."

BELGIAN LINER BOMBED AND SUNK

ATTACKED BY NAZI PLANES

LONDON, May 17 (REUTER) — The Ville de Bruges, 13,860 tons (formerly the American liner, President Harding) has been bombed and sunk near Antwerp.

The liner was bombed by a German plane on the morning of May 14, soon after leaving Antwerp, with fifty families, mostly women and British subjects, who were being sent home to Britain.

There were 64 passengers aboard, including four children in arms, and a crippled woman. After the bombing they all landed safely. Three of the crew were killed by a bomb and the fourth died later. Fifty-three of the crew arrived in London today.

PASSENGERS PROTECTED

The liner is now lying, a burnt out wreck, on the bank of the Scheldt, 12 miles below Antwerp.

The boatswain's mate in an interview said that they "left Antwerp at 4 a.m. and three hours later three bombers appeared and one swooped down to about 150 feet and let go a bomb. It hit us aft, went through and exploded in the side of the ship, blowing it out. The steel bulkhead protected the passengers' quarters and they were not hurt."

The Ville de Bruges was sold to a Belgian company by the United States Lines last February.

BLOOD FLOWN TO B.E.F. IN NORWAY

LONDON, April 18 (By Air Mail) — Two hundred volunteers from two aircraft factories in the West Country have given blood for the British forces in Norway. Some of it has been flown there and will be used if and when the need arises.

It was disclosed on Tuesday that twice in the last three days an urgent message, "Blood is needed at once for the use of the British forces in Norway," had been received by the Army Blood Transfusion Service Headquarters.

At the first appeal, 100 volunteers stepped forward and early the next day the blood was on its way. The second appeal came through on Monday night and another 100 at a second factory responded.

First Lord's Message To All Ships

LONDON, May 17 (BWS) — The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and the First Sea Lord have sent the following message to all ships and vessels that have been, and are, operating from Northern Norway to the Belgian Coast:

"We would like those of you who are going through the most strenuous time that Naval forces ever had to endure, to realise that we and the Naval Staff know well what is being asked of you. Many of you have not had a good night's rest for weeks but, nevertheless, your work has been done magnificently and cheerfully. What you may not realise is that you are helping our country to weather as black a storm as has ever broken. Hold on and carry on in the splendid way you are doing. Good luck to you."

GERMANS CANNOT STAND LONG WAR

BRUSSELS, May 17 (REUTER) — M. Deloosse, the Belgian Minister of Communications, said in a broadcast yesterday that the Belgian troops have been performing miracles of heroism.

He gave an instance in which a Belgian major with three privates recaptured a pill-box after a hand grenade charge.

For the past three days, he said, the Belgians had been resisting their second line positions.

SUPERIOR POWER

A great number of British and French troops were coming up each hour to support them with armoured equipment.

"Be firm and confident," he said. "The aggressor always has the initial advantage, but every hour our defences become more effective. Germany could not face a blockade nor withstand a long war. The Allied power and resources are greatly superior to those of Germany."

LONDON, May 17 (REUTER) — The Germans have gone back to a World War No. 1 weapon. In their attacks on fishing craft, steel darts three inches long were used. The crews of two fishing smacks in the North Sea were attacked with darts and machine-guns by Nazi planes. They got home safely without any loss of life.

Situation In Switzerland Less Tense

ZURICH, May 17 (REUTER) — The situation in Switzerland is now regarded as considerably less tense than at any time since Germany began her invasion of the Low Countries.

According to a high Swiss authority, responsible circles consider imminent action against Switzerland unlikely, while political circles stress the good relations between Italy and Switzerland as a favourable factor.

Some German troops along the frontier have been withdrawn and may have gone to the Western Front.

It is said that one reason why so many German divisions had been stationed on the German-Swiss frontier is that it is a quiet sector, free from bombing, while such divisions may be moved to the Western Front without using the Rhine land railway.

Yugoslavia May Resume Diplomatic Relations With Soviet Russia

LONDON, May 17 (REUTER) — Under the heading "Understandings in the Balkans," The Times, in an editorial states: "The Yugoslav trade delegation which left for Moscow last month has signed three conventions—commerce and navigation, payments and commercial representations.

Its departure has caused much interest in Italy and in the Balkan States where it was interpreted as an indication of the intention of Yugoslavia to resume diplomatic relations with Russia.

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Referring to Turkey, the leader continues: "In the opinion of far-sighted Turks any attempt to form a Slav blot under Russian patronage would prejudice Balkan cooperation on non-racial lines and might even furnish foreign Powers with pretexts for intervention thus bringing upon the Balkan peoples the very evils their leaders are striving to avert. But these risks may not be imminent."

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Less Severe Fighting

A French official communiqué issued yesterday morning states: "The battle continued yesterday and during the night between Sambre and the region north of Reihel as well as south of Sedan. Fighting has been less severe in Belgium. Nothing to report in Loraine and Alsace." (British Wireless).

Three Times Repulsed

NAZIS STORM LOUVAIN

NEW YORK, May 17 (REUTER) — When the Germans, attacking with waves of tanks and bombers, drove their way into Louvain, they suffered heavily from mines which exploded beneath them, says the New York Times correspondent with the British forces in Belgium.

The correspondent adds that as the first Nazi wave endeavoured to force their way under a bridge, the British blew it up and the debris tumbled on the invaders.

The Germans, managed to capture the railway station but after some brisk street fighting and three British counter-attacks the Nazis were driven out.

Smashing The Spy Ring

Special to H.K. Daily Press

MEXICO CITY, May 17 (Havas) — The intense activity of Nazi agents throughout Mexico has prompted the authorities to take drastic measures against local Nazi organisations, believed to be connected with a similar organisation in the United States.

The police has just ordered the immediate expulsion of two dangerous Nazi agents, one of whom, Michael Stuart Goodfield, was found in possession of a United States passport.

WANTS DEFENCE SECRETS

The name of the other man is Monterrey, who is directly connected with the Reich's secret service. He is accused of trying to get information about the organisation of American defences along the Mexican border, as well as on Mexican military secrets.

As a sequel to these arrests the Mexican Home Minister contemplates the expulsion of 25 foreign agents.

A joint investigation is being conducted by the Home Ministry, the Ministry of National Defence and the Judicial authorities.

Competent circles believe that more than 10,000 foreign agents have entered, illegally, Mexican territory.

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ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH

Trinity Sunday, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 8 p.m. Short Evening Service. Preacher, Rev. Cyril Brown. A Social Hour is held after the Evening Service.

N.B.—The Church is open to the general public.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Trinity Sunday: First Mass and General Communion, 8 a.m. Second Mass 10 a.m., followed by Benediction. Sunday School for Children 3 p.m. May 23: Corpus Christi. May 24: Our Lady Help of Christians. May 26: Celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. On week days, Holy Mass 8 a.m. Confessions are heard every day, before and after Mass. On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 8 p.m.

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following are the results as supplied by the local secretary, Mr. J. E. Anderson of the local Practical Examination held in Hongkong from May 7 to 14, 1940. Where not otherwise stated the examinations were for Pianoforte. The examiner was Dr. W. Lovelock.

EXAMINATION FOR TEACHER'S DIPLOMA

Associate (A.T.C.L.) Practical Work Only: Cecilia Maria Passos.

Higher Local Division—Pass with Merit: May Chan Chun-mui, Vivian Woo, Alice Yui (Musicianship); Pass: Marion Cheng, Melba Maria de Sousa, Emily Yui (Musicianship), Katherine Yip, Virginia Yvanovich (Musicianship).

Advanced Senior Division—Honours: Chan Yun Yee; Pass: Luk Luk, Gloria Woo.

Senior Division—Honours: Chen Mai Ying, Lily Laih Sung (Musicianship), Aurelia Wu; Pass with Merit: Moy Beryl Jean Carey, Mary Ching Ming Yui, Fung Lin Yee, Kathleen Lee, Julia Leong, Luk Sook Ching, Sister Rachelle Pfeil, Hazel Sclar, Shin Ching Yung, Amy Tsang, The Lal Ching, Mona Wong, Anna Wong, Jennie Wong, Kook Ying; Pass: Esther Chan, Vera Dhabher, Vera Dhabher (Violin), Ellene Dinh Van-Do (Violin), Dorothy Luk, Marion Liu, Luk Sook Chun, Marina MacKichne, Norma Tsang.

Intermediate Division—Honours: Margaret Brien, Ethel Ruth Iola Edmonds, Hui Yin Kan, Mui Fook Kel, Queenie Wong; Pass with Merit: Constance Barts, Yvonne Blackmore, Fung Sik Mang, Janet Hall, Leura Ip, Kwok Bik Yiu, Kin Ling Ma, Betty Lee, Marion Lee, Luk Lai Saan, Ng Tak Ching, Ng Yuen Ching, Malie Reis, Thavi Vangai, Wong Shuk Yiu; Pass: Angela Chang, Stella Ming, Gloria June Moos.

Junior Division—Honours: Au Yang Yee, Cho Margaret Jessie Hume, Désirée May, Horwood (Musicianship), Hui Woon Chuen, Hui Yin Kit, Lau Mun Yink, Vera Litter, Billy Moy (Violin), Florence L. Weddick, Claire Van Wylick; Pass with Merit: Linda Besedish, Antonio Baptista, Cristina N. V. Carlos, Jenny Chang, Robina Hegde Cheemhan, Myrtle Chan, Fung Po Yuk, Elizabeth Jean Gittins, Ge Grefalda, Lau Shiu Yan, Liu Nien Si, Betty Lee (Sing).

CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

TRINITY SUNDAY: PATRON SAINT OF SWEDEN: CATHOLIC FILM ACTOR

The Doctrine of the Blessed Trinity might be called the central doctrine of revealed religion in the Christian system, for while the existence of one God can be known from reason, the doctrine of three Persons in one God cannot be known except through actual divine revelation. All that reason can show is that the doctrine involves no contradiction. Its reasonableness is confirmed by the fact that Plato had a glimmer of something very like it.

It was not until the fourteenth century that one special Sunday—first after Pentecost, which occurs tomorrow—was set aside as a special feast throughout the Universal Church, though it had been observed locally in England since the days of St. Thomas a Becket, the martyred Archbishop of Canterbury.

PATRON SAINT

Today is the feast of St. Eric, the Patron Saint of Sweden. He was king of the country in the twelfth century and died a few years before St. Thomas a Becket was appointed to the See of Canterbury in England. As a king he was most conspicuous as a lawgiver and his justice is proverbial. He was a great lover of peace but also a champion of the oppressed, and it was his sympathy with the sufferings of his people on the coast, who were prey to the pirates that then inhabited Finland, that led him to make war on the Finns. It was a war that was pursued with none of the vindictiveness common to most of the wars of that age and he tried to temper the rigour of the punitive expedition by bringing the blessing of Christianity in its train.

MARTIN GOOD RIDER.

Martin Good Rider, the Blackfoot Indian boy, who appeared with Shirley Temple in "Susannah of the Mounties," shown in Hongkong this week, is a Catholic boy of the Jesuit Indian mission in Montana. He was brought to New Orleans with a few other Indian boys from the Mission School to take part in a Missionary Congress and Exhibition. It was there that he caught the eye of the representative of a film company. For his screen test he sang an Irish song! He was then thirteen years of age. When offered the film contract he asked

the following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road: May 19—Trinity Sunday. St. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury. Morning services: 1st Mass at 6 with sermon in Chinese. 2nd Mass at 8 with sermon in English. 3rd Mass at 10 with sermon in English. Evening services: at 3.30 Catechetical Instruction; at 4.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. May 22—Solemn Mass in honour of St. Rita. The Novena in honour of the Sacred Heart begins today. At 5.30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. May 23—Corpus Christi High Mass at 7.30 a.m. May 24—Our Lady Help of Christians—High Mass at 7.30 a.m.

Empire Day—Special service at 9 a.m. with the attendance of the schools children. On week days Mass at 6 and 7.30. Confessions morning and evening.

CHRIST CHURCH

KOWLOON TONG

Trinity Sunday. Services in English. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 9 Sunday School Services: Senior children in the Church; Juniors in No. 3 Duke St. 10 Choral Eucharist and Sermon. Preacher the Vicar. At this service two new altar servers will be admitted and invested. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and sermon. Preacher the Vicar. (There will be no music at this service). Services in Mandarin. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 Morning Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: The Bishop of Hongkong. Tuesday. 6 p.m. Parochial Church Council meeting in the Vicarage. Wednesday. 4.30 p.m. Wolf Cub Pack meet in No. 3 Duke Street. Thursday. Corpus Christi. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 Meeting of the Guild of Martha and Mary in the Vicarage. 6 p.m. Full Choir practice.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

228, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON

Sunday 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion. 11 Morning Service. Preacher Rev. O. Peskett. 2.45 p.m. Young Men's Bible Class. 7.30 p.m. Song Service. 8 Evening Service. Preacher Mrs. Nance Monday, 7.30 p.m. S.A.C.A. Meeting. Bible Study Circle at 7.30 Nathan Road, 1st floor. Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Meeting for Chinese Amahs. Wednesday 8 p.m. Praise and Prayer Meeting. Speaker Mrs. James Braga. Thursday, 10.30 p.m. Women's Bible Study Circle at 228 Nathan Road, 1st floor. Prayer Meeting. All are welcome. No collection on Sunday Evening.

The British Relief Unit for Central China will hold an "At Home" on Monday at Harbour View Hotel, Kowloon, at 4 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

May 19: Trinity Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Communicants' Fellowship); 8 a.m. Holy Communion in Peak Church 11 a.m. Mattins. Preacher: Rev. H. D. Todd, Assist. Chaplain General to Forces: 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Evening. Preacher: Rev. A. P. Rose. Children's Services: Cathedral, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Children's Service, Chapel of the Resurrection, Happy Valley, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School. Stanley Sunday School Room. 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School.

Weekdays: Holy Communion is celebrated on—Thursday, at 7.30 a.m. Friday at 7.45 a.m. (In Cantonese). Wednesday: Prayer for the sick, at 10.15 a.m.

Other Notices: May 20. 8 p.m. Badminton, Cathedral Hall; May 21. 5.30 p.m. Cathedral Scouts Meeting, Bishop's House, Lower Albert Road. May 22, 10 a.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party; Cathedral Hall; May 23, 3.30. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall; May 24, 9 a.m. Empire Day, Service for young people, Cathedral; 5.30 p.m. Chor Practice, Cathedral.

Evening service on Sundays will be held at 7 p.m. until further notice and not at 6.30 p.m.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Queen's Road East. Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital.

Preachers: Morning—Rev. E. Moreton. Evening—Rev. J. E. Sandbach. Junior Church 9.30 a.m. All children welcome. Morning Parade Service 10.15 a.m.—Hymn 36; Prayer, Hymn 91, First Lesson, Hymn 313, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn 630, Sermon, Hymn 330, Benediction.

Evening service on Sundays will be held at 7 p.m. until further notice and not at 6.30 p.m.

NOTICES FOR WEEK

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at S & S Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen

and civilians will be warmly welcomed. The Badminton Club has

suspended meetings for the summer. A meeting for Prayer and Fellowship will be held at S & S Home on Tuesday 8.30 p.m. The House Committee is meeting at S & S Home on Wednesday 5.30 p.m.

LESSON SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONG KONG.

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow will be—Mortals and Immortals.

The "Golden Text" will be—The corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." (1 Cor. 15:53)

Among others the following

citations will be read from the Bible—The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." (Rom. 8:18-19)

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy—To the five corporeal senses, man appears to be master and mind united; but Christian Science reveals man as the idea of God, and declares the corporeal senses to be mortal and erring illusions. Divine Science shows it to be impossible that a material body should be man—the genuine and perfect man, the immortal idea of being, indestructible and eternal. (Page 477)

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong, a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. No. 31 Macdonell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open every morning except Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

INTERCESSION AT CATHEDRAL

DEAN WILSON ON IDEALS AND VISIONS

"If you really want to be of use to the world, don't get fussy and worried, but learn to wait. Don't throw away your visions and ideals impatiently, when things are dark and desperate; wait for it," asserted the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson in the course of his address at the United Interdenominational Service of Intercession in St. John's Cathedral yesterday evening.

"Without congratulating ourselves on the measure of success in unity among the Churches in Hongkong, it is something for us to thank God for," he added.

"In time of disaster, anxiety and agony, and the world out of joint, there is a message to us from God: If the vision tarry, wait for it will come, and it will not be too late."

"(Habakkuk, Ch. 2, v. 2). It is a vision of a world of righteousness peace and goodness."

CANNOT BE DESTROYED

Dean Wilson went on to say that people seemed to think that everything would finish and that civilisation would perish. Although the world might be shaken from its foundations, God was and is, and could not be destroyed.

We were not using rightly the victories that we won in the past. Again we had to strive for our liberties and to pray that God give us wisdom to use our liberties in that way.

Every act we did to bring in a better world, was handing the torch to other people. We might not live to see the vision, but it will come.

It was not too late to build a new world out of the ruins of this one.

Suppose the forces of evil conquer? he asked. All was not lost. God was not destroyed. God was on his Throne and none could overthrow him.

CLERGY PRESENT

Also participating in the service were the Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong; Rev. J. E. Sandbach, in the Methodist Church; Rev. J. R. Higgs, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church; Dr. K. L. Reichelt, of the Christian Mission to Buddhists; Rev. C. Higgins of the American Episcopal Church Mission; Brigadier W. Darby, and Maj. R. Fontaine, of the Salvation Army.

ARMED COLUMN

Finance and Commerce

MONEY AND EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 17, 1940.

On London—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 1/16

Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 1/16

Credits 4 months' sight 1 3/8

On Shanghai—

On demand 340

On Singapore—

On demand 52 1/2

On Japan—

On demand 84 3/4

On India—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 1/4

On New York—

Bank Bills, on demand 1 7/8

Credits, 60 days' sight 20 7/8

On Batavia—

On demand 35 1/2

On Paris—

Bank Bills, on demand 1088

Credits 4 months' sight 1140

On Saigon—

On demand 108 1/4

On Manila—

On demand 30 3/4

On Bangkok—

On demand 151

On Sterling Notes—

Bank Buying Rate 14

Bar Silver per oz. 13 1/2

Market Report.

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices rose yesterday to the extent of 7/16 for Ready and 3/8 for Forward, the quotations being 23 1/2 and 23 5/16 respectively.

Silver advices reported a quiet market. Demand was small but offerings were restricted.

American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 236 1/2.

MARKET

Firm.

STERLING

Opened with sellers at 1/2 29/32 with business done later at 1/2. 15/16 for Forward and near. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/2 23/16 for forward, probably near, buyers at 1/2 23/16 for any delivery.

U.S. DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 20 1/4 with business done subsequently at 20 3/8. Later business was done at 20 7/16 and 20 1/2 for near delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 20 7/16 May and 20 5/16 June, buyers probably at 20 1/2 May and 20 7/16 June.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

The highest rate done this morning was 373. Towards 1 p.m. business was reported at 366. There were sellers at 365 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers at 3 31/32 and closed firm with sellers at 4 1/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars were quoted at 5 15/32 for Spot.

MARKET

Steady.

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/2 25/16 for near and Forward, buyers at 1/2 23/16 for near and probably forward.

U.S. DOLLARS

Some business was done at 20 9/16 for Cash. The market closed with sellers at 20 7/16 May, buyers probably at 20 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done at 370. At the close there were sellers at 369, buyers at 371.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Steady. Sterling at 4 1/6 sellers for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 5 17/32 sellers for Spot. Firm.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 17 (Reuters). Official T.T. Rates.

Opening 0/3-1/2

London 0/3-1/2

New York 4/11/16

Japan 20

Paris 25/2

Hongkong 21/3/8

Sellers.

Opening Closing

Spot 0/4-1/32 0/4-1/32

May 0/3-29/32 0/3-28/32

June 0/3-3/4 0/3-3/4

U.S. Dollars

Spot \$5-15/32 \$5-15/32

May 5-5/18 5-5/18

June 5-1/18 5-1/18

Market—Slightly easy.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2 1/2.

The Equalisation Rate was 24 1/2 per cent.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, May 16 (Reuters).

Government 34 1/2 Rupee, 91-08-0 nominal.

Sheep Ranch On Large Scale

GOVERNMENT TO HELP PROJECT

CHUNGKING, May 17 (Central)

Szechuan Provincial Economic

Reconstruction Commission is

being formed in accordance with the

economic reconstruction programme

of Szechuan, recently promulgated

by Generalissimo

Chiang Kai-shek who is concurren-

tively the Szechuan Governor.

The Commission will take

charge of the task of directing,

co-ordinating and examining the

various phases of the programme,

including land administration,

agriculture and forestry, industry

and mining, communications,

trade, finance, reclamation and

health.

SHEEP FARM

The Joint Head Office of the four government banks, namely, the Central Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers' Bank, has negotiated with the Szechuan Agricultural Improvement Bureau to set up a big-sheep ranch in Sungpan in northwest Szechuan where there are vast stretches of pasture land.

The ranch will seek to improve

the breed of sheep and the

production of wool.

The banks will loan to the ranch \$400,000. Shepherds in the Sungpan area may seek loans from the ranch. It is estimated within five years the number of sheep will be increased to 200,000 head, costing \$8,000,000 and the annual output of wool to 10,000 pcks.

A project for the improvement of the Szechuan silk industry has meanwhile been formulated by the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

The four government banks will

loan \$900,000 for silkworm raising

and the establishment of mulberries.

To Help The Farmers

CHUNGKING, May 17 (Central)

The Joint Head Office of the Central Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers' Bank has

signed agreements with the

Shansi, Szechuan, Kiangsi and

Sikong Provincial Governments for

collaboration in the extension of

agricultural loans in their respective provinces.

Negotiations are under way for agreements with other provincial governments.

Extension of agricultural loans is highly advocated by Chinese experts of agricultural economy for the development of agriculture in war time. Recently two sets of regulations entitled "General Provisions Relative to Agricultural Credits" and "Provisional Measures for the Extension of Agricultural Credits" drafted by the Joint Head Office of the four government banks have been approved by the Executive Yuan.

According to the project of the Joint Read Office, long-term, middle-term and short-term loans will be extended to the farmers in various provinces in accordance with their needs.

BROKERS' LOANS

New York, May 18 (Reuters).

Loan on securities to brokers in

New York—

Week-ended

Week-ended

May 11 (1939) May 9 May 18

\$517,000,000 \$477,000,000 \$458,000,000

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, May 18 (Reuters).

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MAY 10, 1940.		MAY 17, 1940.	
STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	8	J. & Laughlin Steel	51
Alleghany Steel Co.	22	Kennecott Copper	32
Allied Stores	6	Lakey Foundry & Mac.	21
Allis Chalmers	294	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	334
Aluminum Ltd.	781	Lockheed Aircraft	374
Amer. Can	1004	Loew's Inc.	274
American Cyanamid B.	334	Loft Incorporated	234
Amer. & Foreign Power	11	Mack Truck Inc.	224
Amer. & Foreign 7% pf.	181	Martin, Glen L.	424
American Gas & Elec.	304	McKesson & Robbins	23
Amer. Locomotive	141	Monsanto Chemical	100
Amer. Metals Co.	161	Montgomery Ward	394
Amer. Radiator	64	National Aviation	15
Amer. Rolling Mill	123	Nat. Dairy Products	141
Amer. Sting & R'ing Co.	414	Nat. Distillers	204
Amer. Sugar Refining	164	National Gypsum	7
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	1574	National Lead	181
Amer. Tobacco "B"	783	Nat. Power & Light	61
Amer. Waterworks	78	National Steel Corp.	574
Anaconda Copper	251	National Supply Corp.	61
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	171	New York Central	121
Auburn Motors	11	Niagara Hudson Power	41
Aviation Corp.	71	N. American Aviation	223
Bacock & Wilcox	244	North American Co.	181
Baldwin Locomotive	171	Northern Pacific	6
Baltimore & Ohio	31	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	531
Barber Asphalt Co.	103	Pacific Gas & Elec.	29
Barnsdall Oil	9	Pacific Lighting	40
Bell Aircraft Corp.	261	Packard Motors	34
Bendix Aviation	324	Pan-American Airways	174
Bethlehem Steel	84	Paramount Pictures	51
Bliss & Co.	194	Pennsylvania R.R.	18
Boeing Airplane Co.	234	Phelps Dodge	331
Borg-Warner	171	Philadelphia Read. Cos.	4
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	103	Phillips Petroleum	334
Briggs Mfg.	171	Pittsburg Coke & Iron	61
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	201	Public Service of N.J.	351
Brooklyn-Manhattan \$6.	107	Puliman Inc.	314
Budd M'facturing Corp.	37	Pure Oil	9
Canadian Pacific R'way	31	Radio Corp. of Am.	51
Case, J.I.	533	Reading Company	121
Celanese	268	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	44
Chesapeake & Ohio	348	Republic Aviation Corp.	61
Chrysler Corp.	698	Republic Steel	181
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	314	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	91
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	374	Reynold Tobac. "B"	361
Columbia Gas & Elec.	59	Richfield Oil	61
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	823	Safeway Stores	393
Commercial Credit Co.	351	Schenley Distillers	10
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Sears Roebuck	694
Consolidated Edison	274	Shell Union Oil	9
Consolidated Oil	61	Socony-Vacuum Oil	91
Continental Can	38	Southern Pacific	181
Continental Oil	21	Southern Rly \$5 pf.	421
Copperweld Steel	192	Sperry	27
Corn Products	54	Spiret Manufacturing Co.	51
Curtiss Wright (C.)	103	Standard Brands	11
Curtiss Wright "A"	28	Stand Gas & Elec.	201
Deere & Co.	18	Standard Oil of California	372
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	16	Standard Oil of N.J.	71
Douglas Aircraft	894	Stone & Webster	8
Du Pont de Nemours	169	Studebaker Com.	24
Eagle Picher Lead	81	Swift International	114
Eaton Mfg. Co.	331	Techniclor	403
Elec. Autolite	334	Texas Corp.	30
Elec. Bond & Share	5	Texas Gulf Sulphur	233
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	552	Timken-Axle	5
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	63	Trans-American Co.	7
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	112	20th Cent. Fox	174
Fish Rubber	144	20th Cent. Fox \$1 pf.	134
Flintkote	444	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	721
Gen. American Trans.	442	Union Carbide & Carbon	834
Gen. Electric	33	Union Pacific	503
Gen. Motors	444	United Aircraft	157
Gen. Railway Signal	124	United Airlines Trans.	12
Gen. Tire & Rubber	142	United Corp.	323
Gildden, Co.	134	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	14
Goodrich (B.F.)	13	United Gas Corp.	114
Goodrich \$5 pf.	53	United Gas Improvement	204
Goodrich \$6 pf.	17	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	22
Goodyear Tire & Co.	131	U.S. Rubber	241
Great Northern Iron Ore	121	U.S. Rubber \$8 pf.	558
Great Northern Rly. pf.	224	U.S. Steel	38
Great Western Sugar	234	Vanadium	10
Greyhound Corp.	11	Vultee Aircraft	44
Hercules Powder Co.	91	Walworth Co.	44
Homesite Mining	511	Warner Bros. Pict.	21
International Harvester	46	Westinghouse Elec.	964
Int. Nickel	244	Woodward Iron Co.	25
Inter. Paper & Power	16	Woodward Iron Co.	25
Int. Tel. & Tel.	21	Chase National Bank	—
Johns-Manville	57	National City Bank	—
— bid.		— ex. div.	
DOW JONES AVERAGE			
1939/40	May 17, 1940.	May 18, 1940.	May 19, 1940.
High	Low	Dow Jones Averages.	High
156.92	191.41	30 Industrials	131.35
25.90	24.14	20 Bails	25.89
87.70	92.70	20 Utilities	80.86
52.22	48.61	40 Bonds	55.97
66.67	45.69	11 Commodity Index	56.81
Business Done: 2,350,000 shares			

WEEKLY RETURNS AND REPORTS

BANK OF ENGLAND

London, May 16 (Reuter).		May 9	May 16
Public Deposits	—	33,140	33,880
Other Deposits:			
Bankers	108,130	106,380	
Other Accounts	44,970	42,560	
Total	153,100	149,940	
Government Securities	139,680	139,090	
Other Securities:			
Discount & Advances	4,620	3,880	
Securities	22,880	22,490	
Total	27,400	26,370	
Notes and Coins	37,480	35,080	
Total Bullion	1,440	1,500	
Notes in circulation	543,950	546,410	
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	20.12%	19.19%	
Price of Gold at which holdings are valued	168/—	168/—	

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

New York, May 16 (Reuter).		May 11 (1940)	May 9	May 18
		(000's omitted)		
Bills Bought	1,564,000	2,467,000	2,474,000	
U.S. Securities Held	855,712	88,177	88,228	
Federal Reserve Ratio	2,075,000	2,507,000	2,518,000	
Federal Reserve Credit Outstanding	16,856,000	18,233,000	18,949,000	
Monetary Gold Stock	12,810,000	9,295,000	9,292,000	
Industrial Advances	—			

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, May 16.
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£

War Loan, 3½% (Red after 1952) 97½

Canton-K'loon Rly. 5% 12

Chinese 4½% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 30

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47 48

Chin. 4½% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 49

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 20

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. L.) 30

Chinese 8½% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 9

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 60

Chinese 5% Supl. Loan (Brit. Stpd.) 11

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